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In the few lines left for me in this report I wish to make special mention of the valuable assistance and cooperation rendered by Vice and Deputy Consul-General James R. Hardy, at the City of Mexico. This officer, who by his ability and probity must do much to honor the United States consular service, never misses an opportunity to faithfully perform the duties within his province. I can think of no other man to whom I owe so much. I must also make special mention of the work done by Sanitary Inspector E. Alexander and Act. Asst. Surg. H. J. Hamilton, stationed, respectively, at El Paso and Laredo, Tex. Dr. Alexander's plan of meeting the incoming trains one hour before their arrival in El Paso is worthy of special mention.

Respectfully,

L. E. COFER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *November 23, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that there has not been a case or death of yellow fever during the past week.

There have been 3 cases of smallpox reported during the week, 2 cases in the pesthouse and 1 in the city. The one in the city was discharged to-day and the house thoroughly disinfected. The total number of deaths during the week was 33 from all causes.

Two deaths from smallpox were reported from the pesthouse during the week. A gale is now blowing from the north and has perceptibly cooled the atmosphere. These northers have been relied upon to blow away the yellow fever, and by the old inhabitants are considered as effective as a frost in the south.

Respectfully,

SAML. H. HODGSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NETHERLANDS.

Quarantine against Lorenzo Marquez on account of plague.

AMSTERDAM, *November 11, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the minister of the interior of the Netherlands received official information of the prevalence of the plague at Lorenzo Marquez, and in consequence thereof has declared Lorenzo Marquez infected, and fixed the number of quarantine days, according to the law of March 20, 1887, article 8, amended by law of April 8, 1893, at 10.

Respectfully,

FRANK D. HILL,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.